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Historic Prime Minister meeting at Government offices in Oranjestad



The three prime ministers and their flags. L.- r. Gerrit Schotte, Mike Eman and Sarah Wescot-Williams.

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Aruba Police Force to take drastic actions with illegal parties

The Police high Commissioner announces to the public in general that it has received information on different illegal parties being organized on the island. The organizers of those parties charge for entrance, drinks and/or food.

The Police Force advises everyone that they will investigate and act severely in the case of persons organizing illegal parties. Organizers of all public parties must file a petition for a permit 10 working days prior to the event. If one does not possess a permit, not only will the party be stopped immediately but the organizers, hosts and promoters of the party will be fined and all things used for the party such as musical equipment, drinks, food, etc will be confiscated.

The Aruba Police Force ask everyone to take good notice of this.

San Nicolas residents welcome the first stroke of “Sunrise City” beautification



Island dignitaries have fun and are joined by a mover behind the project, Antoni Gario

Island dignitaries and parliamentarians demonstrated their support for the eastern end of Aruba with the official commencement of the program to renovate and beautify the quaint town of San Nicolas on Thursday afternoon, December 9.

Several million florin has been dedicated to fixing streets in both of Aruba's major towns, Oranjestad and San Nicolas, and the latter will be the home of a new “Carubian” festival which will take place every Thursday evening beginning in February 2011.

The weekly Carubbian Festival will be a fun night showcasing the art, music cuisine

and culture of Aruba and the region, which will deploy the charms of San Nicolas. The town has seen many improvements over the past few years, including an attractive, modern bus terminal; the festival will introduce island visitors to the authentic Caribbean ambience of San Nicolas and its main street, which will be closed off and turned into a pedestrian walk each Thursday night. Free bussing from the hotel areas on the western side of Aruba will be provided to stimulate attendance by island visitors.

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AAA returns with good results from Network Latin America in San Jose, Costa Rica

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ORANJESTAD - From 5-8 December AAA's Managing Director Peter Steinmetz and Business Unit Manager Terminal Barbara Brown attended Reed's Network Latin America in San Jose, Costa Rica, event that Aruba hosted in 2008. Numerous meetings were held with US and Latin American carriers in order to discuss current service levels to Aruba and future opportunities. Certain airports were contacted in order to engage airlines in a combined effort.

The meetings confirmed

solid advance bookings for most carriers for the winter season and in a number of cases the AAA delegation returned with very positive news: Airtran is extending its weekend service from Atlanta to daily service during the period of March to May 2011 and will evaluate load factors and yield before deciding on continuing the schedule for the next winter.

As expected, Copa Airlines will increase its schedule to 5 times a week starting in the summer of 2011 and offers bet-

ter connections through Panama to South American and Caribbean destinations due to amended departure times.

Managing Director Peter Steinmetz stated that "...airlines are generally very happy with Aruba's performance and advance bookings for this winter season. Our partners value our pro-active approach and Airtran and Copa's expansion plans are proof of how careful we develop routes with our airline partners; it is a laborious process built on mutual commitment and trust."

Empty chair for Chinese laureate Liu at Nobel Peace ceremony

OSLO, Norway (AFP) - The head of the Nobel committee placed this year's peace prize on an empty chair yesterday as Beijing raged against the award to dissident Liu Xiaobo, who is languishing in a Chinese prison cell.

As Communist authorities in Beijing fumed at the prize for the 54-year-old author and pro-China demonstrators gathered near the Oslo awards venue, last year's laureate US President Barack Obama led calls for Liu to be

set free.

And while around 20 countries boycotted the ceremony after threats of "consequences" from China, those who did attend heard a speech from Liu in which he described the quest for freedom as an unstoppable force.

"We regret that the laureate is not present here today," Nobel Committee chairman Thorbjørn Jagland said as he placed the peace prize diploma and gold medal on the chair in Oslo City Hall.

"Liu has only exercised his civil rights. He has not done anything wrong. He must be released."

Jagland was echoing calls by Obama and the European Union's foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton.

"Mr. Liu Xiaobo is far more deserving of this award than I was," Obama said in a statement.

"The values he espouses are universal, his struggle is peaceful, and he should be released as soon as possible," the US president said.

Dutch police find weapons cache in suburban home

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands (AFP) - Dutch police discovered an arsenal of 300 weapons including rocket launchers and automatic rifles during a raid on a suburban home, a spokesman said yesterday.

"We found nearly 300 firearms, a veritable arsenal," said police spokesman Jack van Kleef of the raid on Thursday in the town of Kerkrade, which borders Germany.

"There were modern firearms such as assault rifles, a rocket launcher, automatic weapons, as well as

older weapons like pistols from the early 20th century," said the spokesman.

"They were all in working order," he said.

Police also discovered knives, axes, drugs and several thousand euros in forged banknotes, he said.

Police arrested the inhabitants of the house. A 39-year-old man and 38-year-old woman would be held for at least 10 more days, and their 14-year-old daughter was released, the spokesman said.

It was not known why the weapons were in the house or where they had come from.

Dutch prosecutor's office, police under cyber attack

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands (AFP) - The websites of the Dutch prosecutor's office and police came under cyber attacks yesterday, "probably" linked to the arrest of a supporter of whistleblower website WikiLeaks, officials said.

The 16-year-old supporter who has admitted to staging attacks on opponents of WikiLeaks, such as Visa and Mastercard, was remanded in custody following his arrest overnight Wednesday in The Hague, police said.

Believed to be part of a larger group of hackers, he was questioned by a judge in Rotterdam yesterday.

"The two sites have become victims of denial-of-service attacks, police spokesman Rom Looije told AFP. Both sites were "only difficult to access or not at all" early yesterday.

The public prosecutor's of-

fice said the attack on its website was "probably linked to the arrest of a 16-year-old boy" but added that its website did not contain any sensitive information.

An AFP journalist noted that an anonymous group claimed the attack under its user name AnonTarget in a Twitter message "in reaction to the arrest of a 16-year-old activist".

Hackers -- dubbed "hacktivists" -- stepped up cyber attacks on those they perceived as opponents of WikiLeaks, including companies who in recent days have deprived the organisation of their services.

The attacks came after the arrest of WikiLeaks boss Julian Assange, currently in a British jail as Sweden seeks his extradition on rape charges.

WikiLeaks has distanced itself from the cyber attacks but said it was a reflection of public opinion.

Venezuelan lawmakers back move for communes

CARACAS, Venezuela (AFP) - Venezuelan legislators yesterday approved a measure paving the way for community self-government, part of President Hugo Chavez's "21st Century Socialism" project which critics fear leads to the creation of a parallel state.

The "Popular Power" law that was approved authorizes the creation of a form of local self-government known as "communes," which will receive government resources and have their own legislature.

Chavez has long supported the idea of communes, and included the proposal in a constitutional reform that was voters rejected in 2007.

Critics say the "Popular Power" law undercuts the authority of mayors and governors, and is aimed at creating a parallel, pro-Chavez state.

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Historic Prime Minister meeting at Government offices in Oranjestad



The date 10/10/10 was extremely significant for the region as it marked the dissolution of the five islands that comprised the Netherlands Antilles into separate entities. Three of them, Bonaire, Saba and St. Eustasius, choose to remain as wholly-owned territories of The Netherlands, but Curacao and St. Maarten elected the same "Status Aparte" as Aruba achieved in 1986; to be autonomously ruled nations within the Dutch Kingdom. On the realization of their new status, the two islands inaugurated their first Prime Ministers. Two months later, Aruba's Prime Minister Mike Eman was proud to welcome Curacao Prime Minister Gerrit Schotte and Sarah Wescot-Williams, St. Maarten's first Prime Minister to offices to discuss the future of the three nations and what they can accomplish for the re-

gion with foresight and cooperation.

The Prime Ministers arrived early at the government offices on Friday morning, December 10 at the Besturkantoor to be greeted by local dignitaries and an honor guard of police cadets. After a rendition of the three national anthems, Minister Eman remarked he felt it most appropriate that a cruise ship of the Holland-America Line sat before them in Oranjestad Harbor, a symbol of the three islands' continued loyalty to the Dutch Monarchy despite their autonomous status.

Minister Eman then led the visiting dignitaries to office overlooking the harbor; some of the results of their discussions to be revealed later the day during a press conference at the Arikok National Park.

by Rosalie Klein

Good turn-out third training session Boa constrictors!

On Thursday evening, December 9th, the third training session on capturing Boa constrictors was organized by the Centro di Bario Savaneta. Once again, the Taskforce was very happy with the turnout. Over 70 volunteers showed up!

The highlight that evening was when the eleven year old Kai Visser, the son of Minister Richard Visser, volunteered to train how to capture a Boa. This young hero made matters seem so easy and in the picture it can be seen how he handled and bagged the Boa within 60 seconds. The picture also depicts him flanked by his father to the left and Diego Marquez, the Boa expert and Taskforce president, to his right.

The first national Boa-hunt is planned for Sunday December 12th. Volunteers are expected at 8:00 a.m. at three locations. These are Seroe Crystal with as meeting point



the crossing of the rooi and the highway there. The second location is at the parking lot of the Drive-in. And the third location is at Sero Preto in San Nicolas with the famous decorated Christmas lighthouse as meeting point.

The hunt ends at 11 a.m. Volunteers are requested to register at boa.taskforce@gmail.com and to inform the organizers of their location of preference. The Taskforce hopes on a good turnout on Sunday.

Climate change may be increasing toxins poisoning Caribbean fish

GAINESVILLE, Florida — Global climate change may contribute to an increase in toxins that poison Caribbean fish and the people who eat the seafood, according to experts meeting this week in the Virgin Islands.

Preliminary findings from other parts of the world suggest that increases in water temperatures trigger an increase in growth of a specific marine alga, known as *Gambierdiscus toxicus*, which produces a group of closely related toxins known as "ciguatera." Ciguatera fish poisoning, known as CFP, occurs when people eat fish that have accumulated these toxins.

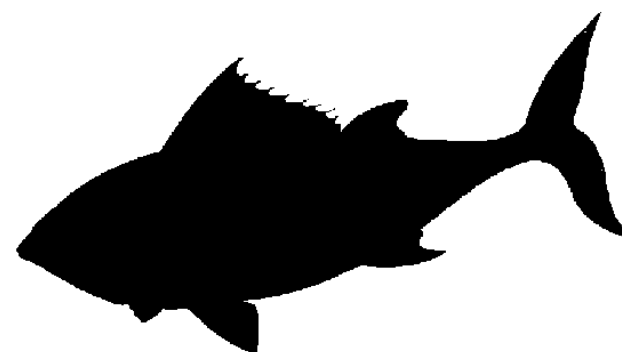
When herbivorous reef fish eat seaweed or algae, they consume the *Gambierdiscus* organisms, and the ciguatoxins build up in the fish's flesh. Higher levels of toxins are seen in predatory reef fish that feed higher up the food chain. The toxin

cannot be removed from fish through either cooking or freezing.

Many cases of ciguatera poisoning often go unreported and locals do not always seek medical treatment. Symptoms of CFP include initial gastrointestinal symptoms such as nausea, vomiting and diarrhea followed several hours to days later by the onset of neurological symptoms such as tingling in the hands, feet and face, in addition to pain and weakness in the lower extremities. More unusual symptoms such as temperature reversal

(cold water may be perceived as hot) may also occur.

Consuming fish with even low levels of ciguatoxins can result in illness. For this reason, ciguatoxins are difficult to detect in patients and analysis of a leftover meal is the only way to confirm ciguatera poisoning. Because there are no diagnostic tests or treatments for ciguatera, project research investigators hope to identify "biomarker" molecules that are characteristic of ciguatoxin in people and in fish in order to better detect exposure.



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On Monday, December 6th, Steve Low and Janet Stanton, along with Robert Maltese and Stephanie Nicastro, all from Gloucester, Massachusetts joined hands in a memorable, personalized wedding ceremony

on the Holiday Inn Sun Spree Beach by Reverend Diane Keijzer just before sunset, publicly declaring their love and devotion for their significant others. Good friends for a long time, they chose to marry on Aruba mainly for its beauty and friendly people, but, also because of them all being from the oldest seaport in America (Gloucester, Mass.), they wanted to wed by the sea, and especially on our beautiful Island. Witnessing the celebration were nineteen friends and family who traveled from Gloucester, Mass. and Florida. Photographer, Eric Boeldak captured the memories of a lifetime.

Steve is the son of John and Judy Low, Janet is the daughter of Ralph and Grace Stanton. Robert is the son of the late Ignazio and Rose Maltese, and Stephanie is the daughter of Sebastian and Grace Nicastro, all



of Gloucester.

After the unions were sealed with a kiss and the keepsake certificate was signed, all the guests and the newly married couples went to the waters edge, and were given a small shell for a special ceremony where everyone made a wish for the couple that all their dreams would come true and that their lives would be filled with love, health, laughter, happiness and good will before they threw the shells into the sea. Following the champagne toasts and the cake cutting, everyone went over to Moomba Beach for dinner.

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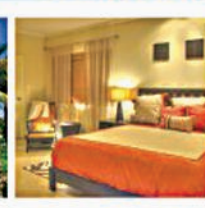
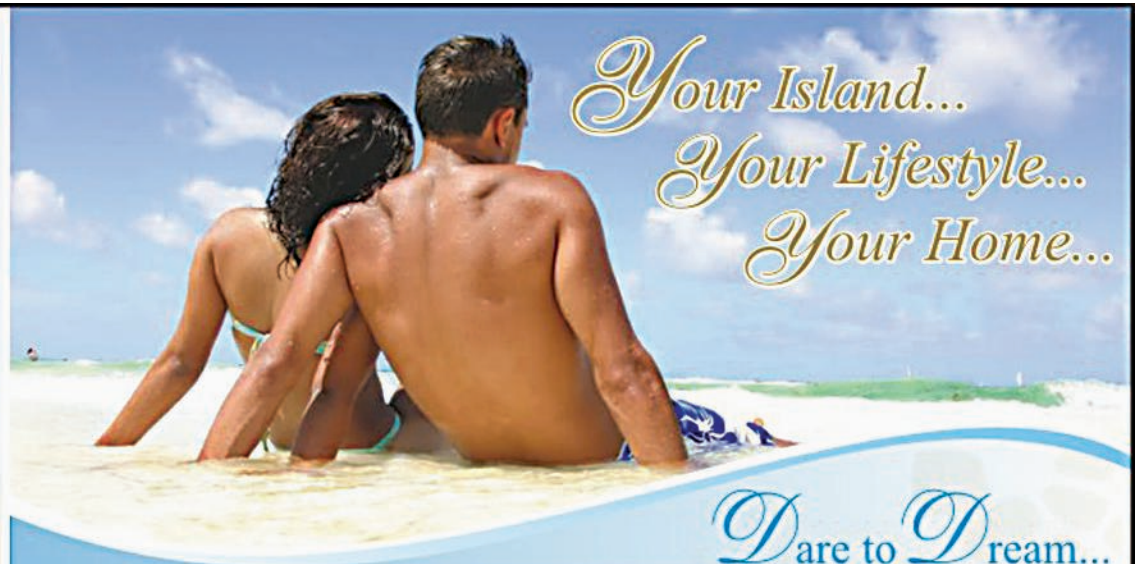
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San Nicolas residents welcome the first stroke . . .

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Minister of Finance Mike de Meza visits with the FCCA crew

San Nicolas is home to several landmark buildings and funds have been allotted to Aruba's Monument Bureau for their restoration. Kicking off the Carubbian project, which is under the auspices of the Ministry of Tourism, was Minister of Tourism, Transport and Labor, Otmar Oduber. Joining him in applying the first stroke of hot pink paint, a sample of the bright, cheerful colors that will be used throughout the main street, was Minister of

Finance, Communication, Utilities and Energy, Mike de Meza. Parliamentarians Donny Rasmijn, Lorna Varlack and Chris Dammers were on hand for the festivities. A sudden and steady downpour did not dampen the enthusiasm of government officials and San Nicolas residents for the brief ceremony.

Antoni Gario, a San Nicolas community activist, expressed his belief in this project and the benefits for the town on many

levels. To some extent, San Nicolas is comprised of a population from all reaches of the Caribbean and contains various elements of the diverse cultures, as this is where many immigrants who came to the island to work in the refinery settled. This is where the Aruban Carnival originated, and many still maintain the legacy of their parents' culture, which will all become part of the weekly Carubbian Festival.

by Rosalie Klein



Steady showers did not deter town folk from congratulating Minister Otmar Oduber while enjoying the moment



Sci-Tech

Austria to launch first satellites in 2011

VIENNA (AFP) - Austria will launch its first ever satellites into space next year to measure variations in the brilliance of stars, a project leader from the Technical University (TU) of Graz announced Friday.

The two cube-shaped satellites -- each measuring just 20 centimetres (eight inches) per side and weighing seven kilograms (15 pounds) -- are part of a joint project with Canada and Poland entitled "BRITE" (Bright Target Explorer).

Developed by TU Graz and the Technical University of Vienna, in collaboration with the University of Toronto in Canada, the two mini-satellites will measure the light intensity of stars with more precision than was possible until now, Otto Koudelka from TU Graz said Friday.

This could help explain how stars are formed and reveal further clues about the

history of the universe, he explained.

The Austrian satellites will be launched aboard an Indian rocket in late July, although a clear date as not yet been set.

Four further satellites, two from Poland and two from Canada, will then follow in 2012.

According to Koudelka, this would be the first project involving multiple mini-satellites with the same mission.

"That way, we can maximise the observation time, the scientific gains will be that much greater," he told the Austria Press Agency.

Ground control stations in Graz and Vienna, as well as compatible stations in Poland and Canada, will download data from the satellites.

The satellites' life expectancy was estimated at two years, but the chances were "very good they will survive much longer," said Koudelka.

Huge mouthfuls make for a 'whale' of a diet



WASHINGTON (AFP) - When giant blue whales lunge deep in the ocean and open their chompers wide they can swallow enough fish to feed more than 200 people -- and possibly get a food coma, scientists have discovered.

Blue whales, believed to be the largest mammals on Earth, feed mainly on tiny fish called krill. Each time they dive for food, the effort lasts between three and 15 minutes.

Scientists at the University of British Columbia, Canada, wondered why the whales didn't dive for longer periods, even though they could, given the huge oxygen supplies they carry in their blood and muscles.

Turns out, maybe they were just succumbing to that lethargy of over-eaters: food coma.

After calculating how many fish were gobbled up in each bite, researchers found they were taking in anywhere from 34,776 kilojoules

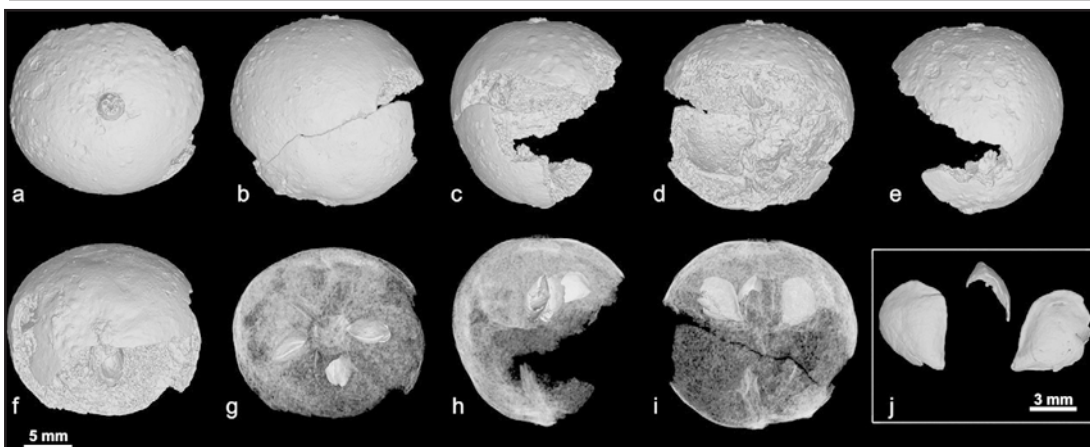
(8,306 calories) to 1,912,680 kilojoules (456,835 calories).

The higher count could feed more than 228 people on a regimen of 2,000 calories per day, and the whales were only expending 3,226 kilojoules (770 calories) with each lunge.

Researcher Bob Shadwick admitted he was befuddled by the huge calorie counts.

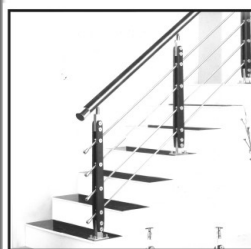
"We went over the numbers a lot," he said. "The key to this is the size factor, because they can engulf such a large volume with so much food in it that it really pays off."

The research appears in the Journal of Experimental Biology.



This handout image released on December 9, 2010 by France's Science Academy during a press conference in Paris shows a microtomographic-based 3D virtual rendering created from a carbonized fruit specimen from the 6th century BC that was found in the Italian archaeological site of Stipedei Cavalli. The image initially published with an article by Sylvie Coubray has been shown as an example of the progresses made by paleontologists thanks 3D imaging. (AFP PHOTO)

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Tennis players' grunts cause slower reaction time: study

VANCOUVER (AFP) -

Those loud grunts some tennis players make when hitting the ball could actually have a negative effect on their opponents by distracting them and slowing their reaction time, scientists said Friday.

Players such as Maria Sharapova and Rafael Nadal are notorious for their grunting, a practice which often triggers complaints in professional tennis, said Scott Sinnett, lead author of the report that appeared in the journal Public Library of Science ONE.

Researchers played 384 video clips of a tennis player hitting a ball to either the left or right of a video camera, to 33 students at the University of British Columbia in western Canada.

The students were asked to quickly determine whether the ball was hit to the right or left. For some of the shots, a loud white noise was played as the racquet hit the ball.

"When an additional sound occurs at the same time as when the ball is struck, participants are signif-



icantly slower... and make significantly more decision errors," said the study.

A growing body of research shows that noise "distracts you from your ability to pay attention to what is going on," said Sinnett in a telephone interview.

"A grunt doesn't allow you to place all your attention on what's happening. It blocks the ability to pay attention to a multi-sensory event."

Grunting could cause a tennis player to perceive a ball traveling 50 miles (80 kilometers) per hour to be "two feet (60 centimeters) closer to the opponent than it actually is," said Sinnett.

"This could increase the likelihood that opponents are

out of position and make returning the ball more difficult."

"A lot of people have complained about grunting in the tennis world, that it's distracting, and even some professionals have said it's pretty much cheating," said Sinnett, who conducted the research as a post-doctoral fellow

at the University of British Columbia, and is now an assistant professor of psychology at the University of Hawaii at Mnoa.

"The study raises a number of interesting questions for tennis. For example, if Rafael Nadal is grunting and Roger Federer is not, is that fair?"

Scientifically regulating tennis-players' grunts -- some of which register at 100 decibels -- "could be looked toward, because if it's distracting to opponent, then it's basically cheating," he said.

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Constant stress can wreak havoc on our bodies, our minds and our souls. Some medical problems are triggered by continual stress, and emotional trauma, instability and mild forms of depression are also likely to result. By taking a few moments to de-stress when you feel the levels and intensity rising, you can save yourself from undue anxiety and potential health problems. Here are some stress relief options to help you eliminate the physical and mental feelings caused by stress.

*** Pamper yourself with a Pedicure and a Facial** - The softness and smoothness returned to your weary feet may be enough to relax you and help you reduce your stress level, but don't stop there! Use a gentle cleanser and apply a mud-mask and sit back for 10-15 minutes while it works its wonders. If you're feeling especially energetic, cut two cucumber slices to place over your eyes. Think happy thoughts and drift away from the things that trouble you.

*** Throw on your Comfiest Pajamas and Grab a Good Book!** - Snuggling up under the covers in your cozy bed with soft, comfortable clothing can be enough to relax you almost immediately. Find your favorite magazine, pull out a book you have been meaning to read or just put on one of those cooling eye-masks to alleviate them from the cares of the day.

*** Take a 20-minute 'Power-Nap'** if you've got more things on your To-Do List - Right when you get home from work, shed your business attire and hop into your bed-set your alarm for 20 minutes if you have other things on the evening's agenda, or allow yourself to awake naturally if you have a free schedule. Your energy should return to you in no time!

*** Exercise** - Go for a jog, do some abdominal workouts, aerobics or lift some weights. Exercising renews the body and gives the mind an easy escape from daily troubles.

*** Fix yourself a Cocktail!** - Don't jump overboard with the bottle, but something as small and innocent as a strawberry daiquiri or a fuzzy navel could turn your mood around in a flash.

*** Break out of the Routine!** - Do something unusual and avoid the stressors. Your laundry can wait another day or two, run the dishwasher tomorrow and just relax! Get together with a few friends and go on an adventure-leave the town you know and the buildings you inhabit day after day and take a hike, hit up the beach or go sailing on a beautiful body of water.

'No safe level' for tobacco, report says

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Even limited exposure to tobacco or secondhand smoke can lead to cardiovascular and other health problems, a new US public health report said Thursday.

The US Surgeon General's report, the latest update to its first study in 1964 highlighting tobacco dangers, said that even an occasional cigarette or exposure to secondhand smoke is harmful.

The latest report "substantiates the evidence that there is no safe level of exposure to cigarette smoke," said Surgeon General Regina Benjamin, who serves as the top public health adviser to the White House.

"You don't have to be a heavy smoker or a long-time smoker to get a smoking-related disease or have a heart attack or asthma attack that is triggered by tobacco smoke," said the report.

"Low levels of smoke exposure, including exposures



to secondhand tobacco smoke, lead to a rapid and sharp increase in dysfunction and inflammation of the lining of the blood vessels, which are implicated in heart attacks and stroke."

The surgeon general said the report underscores the need to step up efforts to dissuade people from smoking in the United States, where there has been little change in the percentage of users since

2005 after a long period of declines.

"Evidence in this report provides additional understanding that the risk does not increase in a linear fashion with increasing exposure, and even low levels of exposure to tobacco -- such as a few cigarettes per day, occasional smoking, or exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke -- are sufficient to substantially increase risk of cardiac events," the report said.

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Major US breast cancer drug trial disappoints

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A major trial that aimed to see if a common bone-strengthening drug could help prevent recurrences of breast cancer found it did not benefit most patients, doctors said Thursday.

The five-year study, known as the AZURE trial, followed 3,360 women with advanced breast cancer who had already undergone surgery.

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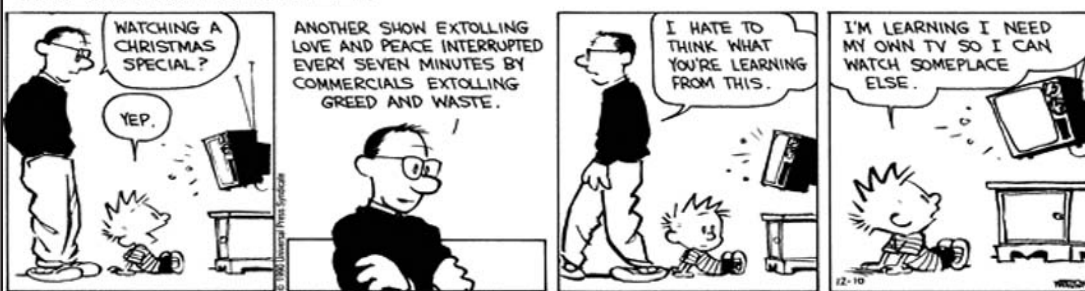
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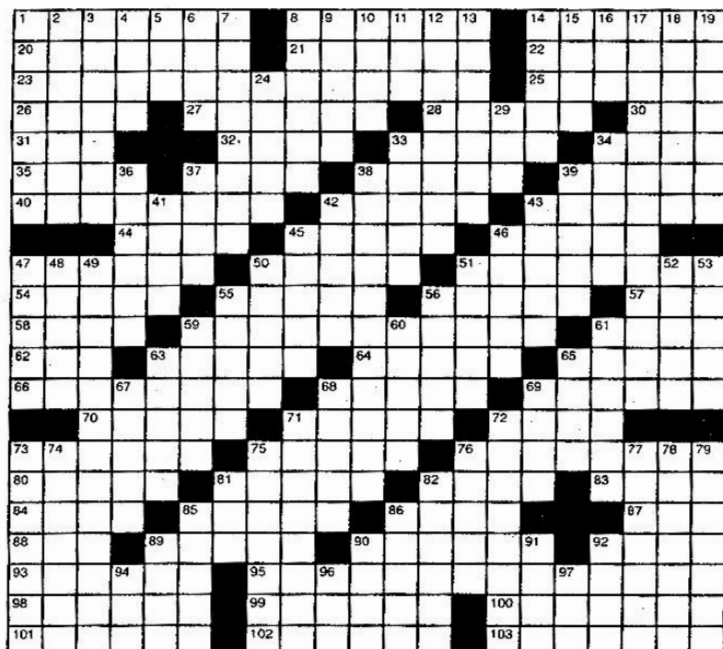
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71. Nautical measures
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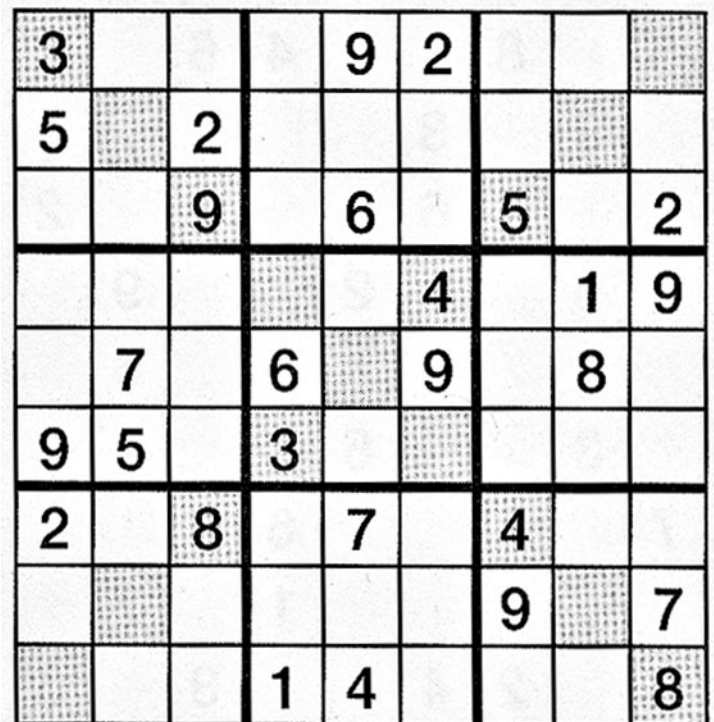
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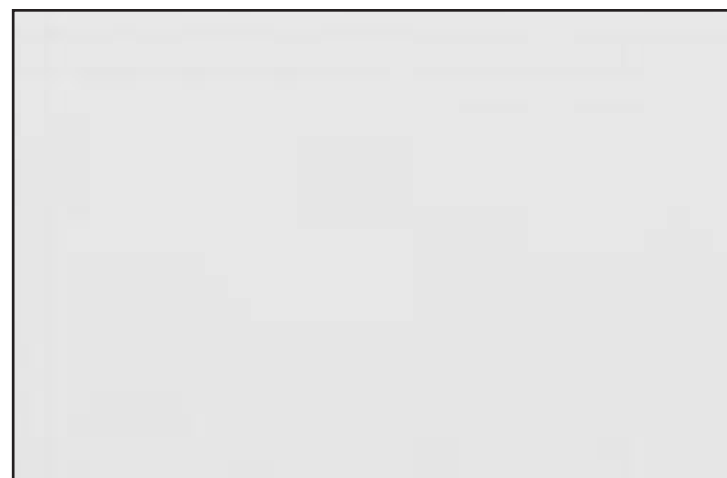
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Demonstrator break a window at the Treasury in central London following a protest by several thousand British students against government plans to triple tuition fees. (AFP PHOTO)



Santa Claus reads letters coming in from the world in his "office" in Rovaniemi. Yesterday businesses in Finnish Lapland pressed for a quick end to a 10-day strike by Finnair that is keeping customers away from the Arctic during the brief but vital Christmas season. (AFP PHOTO)

European regulators release details on bank bonus levels

LONDON, England (AFP) - European banking regulators yesterday released the definitive version of rules setting strict limits on European banker bonuses.

The Committee of European Banking Supervisors (CEBS), which groups regulators from the 27 EU members, had been directed to draft guidelines on implementing bonus restrictions on traders and bank executives adopted in July by the European Parliament.

The bonuses are seen as having encouraged imprudent, high-risk trading activities that contributed to the 2008-2009 financial crisis.

The new rules, to take effect in January, stipulate that bonuses must be "proportional" to an employee's fixed salary, spread out over three years, with the cash component limited to 50 percent of the total bonus and 30 percent of the initial installment.



The CEBS is insisting that the rules take effect on January 1 and that banks should generally apply them from that date. Critics had pressed for a transition period.

The regulations will in addition apply to all subsidiaries of European banks, including those operating outside Europe. The committee however said it had added "clarifications" to respond to criticism of the text.

The text published yesterday largely embodied proposals made by the CEBS in October, which sparked criticism from the European banking sector.

Banking leaders charged that the committee had applied too strict an interpretation to the measures adopted by the parliament.

Spain unveils 83-bln-euro plan to boost industry

MADRID, Spain (AFP) - The Spanish government yesterday announced an 83-billion-euro investment plan for 2011-2015 to make industry "the engine of growth and job creation" while maintaining its deficit reduction goals.

The plan "contains 124 initiatives for 10 ministries in 26 fields linked to industry, with a direct budgetary impact of almost 83 billion euros over the

period 2011-2015," the industry ministry said.

The figure includes "budgetary programs, tax benefits and credit lines for public institutions."

The investment is "compatible with the commitment to reduce the deficit undertaken by the government with the European Union."

The government this year introduced tough austerity

measures in a bid to slash its soaring public deficit, including pay cuts for civil servants.

It aims to rein in the deficit from 11.1 percent of gross domestic product last year, the third highest in the eurozone after Greece and Ireland, to 3.0 percent -- the EU limit -- by 2013.

The program announced Friday is aimed at making industry an "engine of growth and job creation" through an "improvement in competitiveness" but also through research and development and more support for small- and medium-sized businesses.

WikiLeaks dissidents to launch rival OpenLeaks project

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AFP) - Former WikiLeaks supporters at odds with founder Julian Assange will shortly launch OpenLeaks, a rival project aiming to get secret documents directly to media, one of them said Friday.

"I can confirm that we will be operating under the name 'OpenLeaks'," former Icelandic WikiLeaks member Herbert Snorrason told AFP.

Unlike WikiLeaks, OpenLeaks will not publish leaked documents directly online but instead make leaks available to partner media.

"This is not a single website that would gather material and

publish it but rather a system provider to which people can upload information anonymously," Snorrason said.

The domain name openleaks.org on Friday redirected to a blank page with a circular arrow logo and the mention "Coming soon!"

"OpenLeaks is a technology project that is aiming to be a service provider for third parties that want to be able to accept material from anonymous sources," Daniel Domscheit-Berg, WikiLeaks' former spokesman in Germany added in a Swedish public television documentary obtained by AFP.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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Kite surfing or kiteboarding is a surface water sport that uses the wind to pull a rider through the water on a small surfboard or a kiteboard (similar to a wakeboard). Generally kiteboarding refers to a style of riding known as freestyle or wake-style, whereas kitesurfing is more "wave-riding" oriented. These two styles usually require different boards and specific performance kites.

A kitesurfer or kiteboarder uses a board with or without foot-straps or bindings, combined with the power of a large controllable kite to propel the rider and the board across the water. In 2006, the number of kitesurfers has been estimated at around 150,000 to 210,000, with 114,465 inflatable kites sold that same year.

The sport is becoming safer due to innovations in kite design, safety release systems, and instructions. Riding styles have evolved to suit riders and conditions, such as wakestyle, waveriding, freestyle, freeride, jumping, and cruising.

Kitesurfing started on the island in 1998. Armando Wester, a professional windsurfer and certified instructor, and his buddies were the first ones to introduce Kitesurfing to the island of Aruba.

Since then, they have gotten more than 5,000 visitors and locals hooked on this new adrenaline rush sport.

Their years of experience, the trade winds on the island, the beautiful Caribbean Sea and the latest equipment make it an ideal and safe place for anyone to learn to kite. Kitesurfing is a hybrid of wakeboarding, hand-gliding and windsurfing for a radical new approach of kite power.

Anyone between the ages of 8 and 77 can enjoy this sport.

So don't hesitate to call Armando or visit him at the Fisherman's huts, just north of the Aruba Marriott Resort, and see for yourself what an exhilarating rush this sport really is.

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Sunday: NFL tail-gate BBQ from 10:30 a.m. Buster's Garage in South Beach Center: One place for the whole family

Buster's Garage, a New York City landmark, made its way to Aruba about a year ago, and found a new home at the South Beach Center across from the Radisson Resort. Dedicated to the sports fanatic, the spacious but homey interior is the perfect place to keep up with your favorite team and have a great meal.

Fun for all the family, Buster's has typical sport bar fare such as chicken wings, quesadillas, calamari rings for munching while watching the main event on 24 giant plasma screens. Every seat is good seat for catching all the action. Open from noon for lunch or dinner, it has plenty of distractions for the younger crowd, including foosball, and a video arcade, so Mom and Dad can relax and enjoy their meal.

The moderately priced menu includes all your favorite finger foods and a great selection of local and imported beers. Customer reviews gave Buster's Garage 4.5 stars out of 5 on yellowpages-aruba.com; one declared "my wife and I happened to stumble upon it -but what a find!" Another stated "Owner Rusty is so down to earth. The food was very good and the prices were outstanding for the High-Rise area. Aruba needed a place like this."

Buster's regularly organizes special events with live music. At 10 p.m. it turns into a cozy adult hangout; 18 years and over only allowed, with a DJ on duty nightly and boasting the only beerpong table on Aruba. Aside from a great place to root for the home team or your favorites during play-offs and championships, they regularly carry all UFC fights & WWE events.

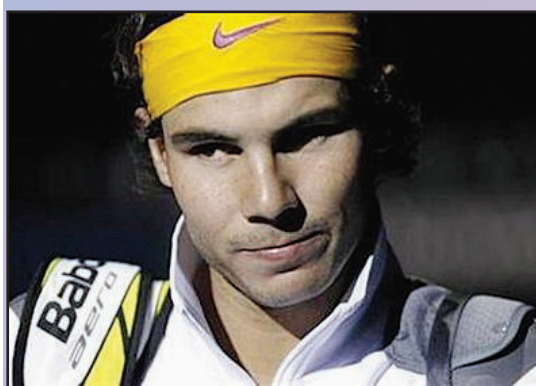


Buster's is a great place where island visitors and residents mix and mingle; Monday

to Thursday they close at 2:00 a.m., weekends at 4:00 a.m.

by Rosalie Klein

After Beckham, Nadal to model Armani undies



Rafael Nadal

LONDON, England – Tennis world number one Rafael Nadal is following in the footsteps of soccer players David Beckham and Cristiano Ronaldo to model men's underwear for Italian

designer Giorgio Armani.

The fashion house announced yesterday that the 24 year-old will be the global testimonial for Emporio Armani Underwear and Armani Jeans for the spring/summer 2011 collections.

The first campaign featuring Nadal will launch in February.

Both Ronaldo and Beckham have previously stripped down to their underwear for Emporio Armani, with Beckham even posing for billboards with his wife Victoria, of Spice Girls fame.

Nadal won this year's French, Wimbledon and U.S. Open titles to knock Roger Federer off the top of the rankings



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Saturday Night at the newly renovated Havana Beach Club now called "Nikky Beach Club" locals and tourists are anxiously awaiting the one time performance of legendary hype man Fatman Scoop from New York and Dj Jean from Holland. This is becoming a very big event as never before two headliners are performing under the same roof on one night.

Fatman Scoop has won 2 Grammy Awards and 2 MTV Awards for collaborating on songs with Rihanna, David Guetta, Dj Chuckie, Sean Paul, Mariah Carey, Missy and many more. Currently he is touring with superstar Usher and coincidentally had a free Saturday which he made available for Aruba. His biggest hit is the popular club banger "Be Faithfull"

Dj Jean on the other hand comes from The Netherlands and is one of Europe's most skilled dj's. His specialty is euro-dance but he also surprises everyone with some hip-hop tracks. That is what this event is all about. House vs Urban. A great mix of today's and classics hits of house and urban.

Tickets have already sold

like crazy at Bula Surf Shop in Royal Plaza, Underground Cycles on the Boulevard, Chino Latino at The Village Mall and Nikky Beach Club which is located downtown in front of the Talk of The Town Hotel. At the door there will also be a limited amount of tickets. General tickets are only \$20 per person. On this night there will also be a very exclusive VIP. For vip enquiries the number to call is 733-5577.

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It is advisable to reach early to the venue as a large



amount of people are expected to attend this event. The venue is located at about 10 minutes from the High Rise Hotel Areas. At the end of the night Taxi's will be available for returns to the hotels. Although the entrance will be through the beach area, most of the event will be indoors.

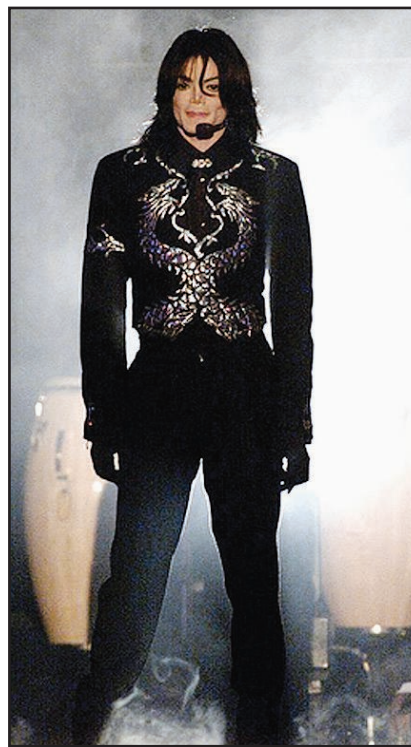
New Michael Jackson song airs, from beyond-grave album

LOS ANGELES, California (AFP) – A second song from a new posthumous album by late pop legend Michael Jackson was released on Thursday, days before the beyond-the-grave record hits music shops around the world.

"Hold My Hand," a duet with US singer Akon, went online complete with video ahead of the December 14 release of "Michael," an album of songs the King of Pop wrote before his death, according to producers.

A first song from the album, "Breaking News," was released last month and triggered an online storm of debate over whether the vocals were indeed sung by Jackson himself.

The video for "Hold my Hand" "tells the story of the song through a collage of images of both Michael and Akon as well as people representing Michael's legacy, shining a light on the aura left behind by King of Pop.



"The video is a tribute to all that Michael stands for -- life, in all its permutations... love, and its power.... A video of memory, healing and joy," said the video's producer Mark Pellington, cited on

Jackson's website.

When the first song was released record label Epic Records was forced to issue a statement saying it was confident the album was indeed Jackson singing, after fans and La Toya Jackson questioned its authenticity.

"We have complete confidence in the results of our extensive research as well as the accounts of those who were in the studio with Michael that the vocals on the new album are his own," said Epic.

The cover of the new album shows images of the eccentric singer at various stages of his career, dominated by one of him being crowned by cherubs with a biblical-looking star in the background.

A film, "This is It," was released last year with footage of rehearsals by Jackson for a series of London concerts he was preparing for before he died in June, 2009.

Actor Wesley Snipes ordered to jail for tax evasion



MIAMI, Florida (AFP) - A US federal court on Friday rejected a request for a new trial for Hollywood actor Wesley Snipes and ordered him to report to prison to serve his three-year sentence for tax evasion.

Snipes, star of movies like "Demolition Man" and the "Blade" vampire trilogy, was convicted in 2008 of evading taxes totaling some 20 million dollars, but had appealed his sentence and sought a new trial.

The 48-year-old Hollywood star had a "fair trial"

but now needs to report to jail, said Judge William Terrell Hodges in Snipes's home state of Florida.

"He has had a full, fair, and thorough review of his conviction and sentence by the Court of Appeals; and he has had a full, fair, and thorough review of his present claims, during all of which he has remained at liberty," Hodges said.

"The time has come for the judgment to be enforced."

The actor had been accused of failing to file tax returns from 1999 to 2004, in a case in which Snipes de-

scribed himself as "an idealistic, naive, passionate, truth-seeking, spiritually motivated artist, unschooled in the science of law and finance."

Snipes first rose to fame in the 1980s when he was cast in the video for Michael Jackson's single "Bad."

A martial arts fanatic, Snipes is famous for inserting quotations from Sun Tzu's "The Art of War" into his characters' roles.

Snipes also starred in "White Men Can't Jump," and Spike Lee's "Jungle Fever."

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India thrash New Zealand to win series 5-0



India's Ravichandran Ashwin, left, celebrates with teammate Parthiv Patel

CHENNAI, India (AFP) - Ravichandran Ashwin led a devastating spin attack as a second-string India thrashed New Zealand by eight wickets in the fifth and final one-day international Friday for a 5-0 series clean sweep.

The off-spinner grabbed three wickets for 24 runs off eight overs to help the hosts bowl out New Zealand for 103 off 27 overs before India

coasted to the target with almost 29 overs to spare.

Part-time spinners Yuvraj Singh and Yusuf Pathan chipped in with two wickets apiece as New Zealand were bundled out for their lowest total in one-day internationals against India.

For India, it was their second clean sweep at home since their 5-0 triumph over England in 2008.

"It was fantastic to see our bowlers perform even after sealing the series 4-0," said Indian captain Gautam Gambhir.

"I thought the wicket would turn in the second innings, but it started turning in the first over itself. I always felt we had the talent to win 5-0."

Parthiv Patel (56 not out) struck his second half-century in a row and added 97 runs for the third wicket with Yuvraj (42 not out) to guide India to a comfortable win in the day-night game at the Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai.

New Zealand suffered their second series whitewash on the trot, having lost 4-0 to Bangladesh in a preceding one-day tournament.

Bantamweight title showdown starts

TACOMA (AFP) - Joseph Agbeko wants his title back. Vic Darchinyan wants to show he's the best man. Abner Mares sees himself as a champion for the people. And unbeaten Yonhy Perez has the prize they all want.

Four of the world's top bantamweight fighters compete in a tournament that starts Saturday, a mix of youth and experience showcasing fighters who have a history with one another and of staging exciting bouts.

Colombia's Perez, 20-0 with one drawn and 14 knockouts, defends his International Boxing Federation title against Ghana's former world champion Agbeko, 27-2 with 22 knockouts.

The other semi-final sends Armenian-born Australian southpaw ex-champion Darchinyan, 35-2 with one draw and 27 knockouts, against Mexico's unbeaten Mares, 20-0 with one drawn and 13 knockouts.

Perez took a unanimous 12-round decision over Agbeko for the title last year.

"This is going to be a great

war just like the first one was," Perez said. "I know how good of a fighter Agbeko is, I saw and felt him in the ring. I know he is prepared technically and he will try to take the belt."

"But I've prepared myself to keep the belt. No one will take it away from me."

Agbeko is out for revenge. "I was the champion and I lost it to Yonhy Perez," the African-born fighter said. "I have really been working hard for this fight. It's the fight of my life, the fight of my career. I have to win this fight to become a champion again. I believe I am going to win."

In his only fight since beating Agbeko, Perez settled for a draw with Mares last May in Los Angeles, the Mexican serving notice he is a threat for the crown as well.

"The four-man tournament is great," Mares said. "There's no ducking any fighters. You're fighting the best, no matter what. You don't pick fighters in a tournament. This is what people want. I want

that. I'm here for the fans."

Darchinyan, 34, lost a title bout last year to Agbeko and plans to use experience as an advantage to set himself up for another chance at the crown.

"I'm more controlled and ready for Mares," Darchinyan said. "I've fought in 14 world title fights. He has fought in one. I'm going to out-school him badly and prove to the whole world that I'm too good for anyone in this division."

Navratilova in hospital after Kilimanjaro

NAIROBI (AFP) - Tennis legend Martina Navratilova was recovering in a Nairobi hospital on Friday after suffering a pulmonary odema during a charity climb of Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania.

Navratilova, who was leading a team of 27 climbers to raise funds for the Laureus Sport for Good Foundation charity, fell ill on the fourth day of the climb up Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain in Africa at 5,895 metres (19,341 ft).

The 54-year-old, who won 18 Grand Slam singles titles, 31 Grand Slam women's doubles titles and 10 Grand Slam mixed doubles titles, was helped down the mountain and flown to Nairobi for further tests that revealed the odema.

"I'm disappointed not to be able to complete this amazing journey," said Navratilova, who holds both American and Czech citizenship.



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Tinning tees up rousing retirement party in Dubai



Anna Nordqvist of Sweden, who slipped from the top of the leaderboard after making a three-putt bogey on the 17th hole, and then failed to make an eight-footer birdie putt on the final hole.

She closed with a 71, and was joined in tied third place at seven-under par 209 by overnight leader Lydia Hall of Wales, who shot an even-par 72 round.

Tinning, who is planning to complete a diploma in sports psychology after she showcases her clubs, said she could still feel the butterflies in her stomach when she reached the first tee.

"I was really nervous the first few holes," said Tinning, who made one bogey on the eighth hole, apart from four birdies.

"It was funny and I said to my husband (who is caddy-ing for her) 'Well, this is actually what I'm going to miss, so, I've just got to enjoy it."

"It would be great if I win. I've been waiting for a career win for almost six years now, and I think it's about time, and this is probably my only chance left. I might play one or two next year, but I'll see about that. I've just got to stick to my game plan in my pocket and that's it."

DUBAI (AFP) - One day away from retiring from professional golf, Denmark's Iben Tinning ensured herself a roaring send-off by booking a place in the final-day leaderboard of the 500,000 euro Dubai Ladies Masters, the season-ending tournament of the Ladies European Tour, here Friday.

The 36-year-old Tinning shot a three-under par third round 69 to share the lead at eight-under par 208 with England's Melissa Reid at the Majlis course of Emirates Golf Club.

Reid, one of the brightest prospects of European ladies golf, birdied the final two holes in her round of four-under par 68.

The leading duo was one shot clear of Major champion

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Patriots look to clinch playoff spot by beating Bears



NEW YORK (AFP) - Coming off a rout of their top rivals, the New England Patriots can become the first National Football League team to clinch a playoff berth with a victory on Sunday against fellow division leader Chicago.

The Patriots ripped the New York Jets 45-3 on Monday and took the AFC East lead at an NFL-best 10-2 with Tom Brady throwing four touchdown passes and stretching his home win streak as a starting quarterback to a record 26.

"It was a big win, but it was one win," Brady said. "There are obviously many more big games for us here down the stretch, none bigger than Chicago, so I think we've got to move on pretty quick."

Host Chicago, 9-3, will need a victory also. The Bears are only one game ahead of Green Bay in the NFC North as the season enters its final four weeks.

Brady's success has him in the hunt for becoming the NFL's Most Valuable Player for the second time in his career.

"He's a very consistent performer who's playing well right now," Patriots quarterbacks coach Bill O'Brien said. "There are a lot of guys that are playing well for us right now and we just have to keep it going."

The Patriots have the NFL's most potent scoring attack at 31.6 points a game and Brady leads the NFL with 27 touchdown passes. New England's record shows triumphs over three of the

other five teams currently in AFC playoff positions.

"It's nice to win. That's great," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said. "But there is another quarter of the season left to be played."

If the Patriots can keep the best record in the American Conference, they would need only to win two home playoff games to reach the Super Bowl next February. And New England's home win streak in the regular season is 14 games, the Patriots not having dropped a home game in-season since November of 2008.

New England, which can also clinch a playoff spot if both Miami and either Jacksonville or Indianapolis lose or draw, will not be the only team looking to punch their ticket to the playoffs.

The Pittsburgh Steelers, Atlanta Falcons and the Jets also have the chance to secure a post-season berth on Sunday, but all three need to win and have two to four other games fall exactly right to ensure advancement.

Atlanta will visit NFL doormat Carolina, 1-11, while Pittsburgh plays host to weakling Cincinnati, 2-10, and the Jets will play host to Miami, 6-6, trying to forget the bitter taste of defeat.

"This humble pie tastes like a car tire and it goes down like peanut butter," said Jets defensive tackle Sione Pouha, who is of Tongan heritage.

Sunday's other NFL games find Tampa Bay at Washington, Cleveland at Buffalo, Green Bay at Detroit, Oakland at Jacksonville, Seattle at San Francisco, St. Louis at New Orleans, Kansas City at San Diego, Philadelphia at Dallas and Denver at Atlanta. Baltimore will play at Houston on Monday night.

Domenech 'can't be denied' World Cup bonus

PARIS (AFP) - Acting French Football Federation (FFF) president Fernand Duchaussoy revealed on Friday that sacked France coach Raymond Domenech could not be denied his World Cup bonus if he asked for it.

"If he wants the bonus, we can't prevent him," said Duchaussoy, who was speaking at a general assembly of the French Professional Football League (LFP) at the FFF headquarters in Paris.

"He hasn't touched it, but we can't use it for ourselves."

Domenech was sacked after overseeing France's first-round exit at the World Cup in South Africa, but Duchaussoy

said the terms of his dismissal did not include an agreement to renounce his bonus.

Last month, the 23 players from France's World Cup squad agreed to forfeit bonuses linked to the use of their image rights at the World Cup.

Duchaussoy said he was "fairly confident" that Domenech would do the same.

Domenech on Wednesday employed the services of a management company, Laminak Conseil, in a bid to repair the damage to his reputation inflicted in the wake of France's disastrous World Cup campaign.



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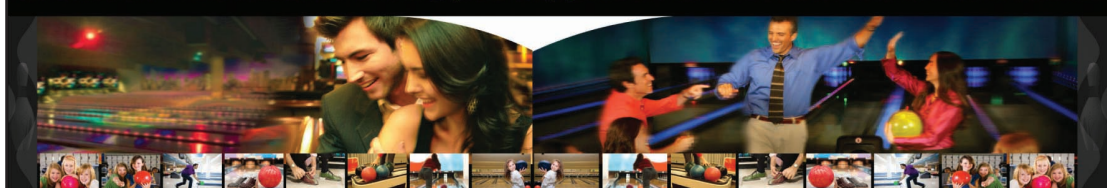


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Oosthuizen misses cut as rookie stays in front

LEOPARD CREEK (AFP) - British Open champion Louis Oosthuizen missed the Alfred Dunhill Championship half-way cut Friday as fellow South African Anthony Michael retained his two-

stroke lead.

Rookie Michael carded a three-under 69 after finishing with a bogey six for a two-round total of 135 over the par-72 Leopard Creek Country Club that borders the Kruger National Park wildlife paradise.

But Oosthuizen, a 28-year native of Mossel Bay in the western Cape and shock winner at St Andrews last July, could manage only a 71 for a total of 147 and failed by one stroke to qualify for the remaining two rounds.

It was the latest blow for the shock British Open champion after he tore ankle ligaments while hunting three months ago.

man asked.

Another question linked to the idea of organising the World Cup in January is the issue of how much time the players would need to recover afterwards -- raising the possibility that domestic leagues would not resume until March.

Platini calls for debate on Qatar World Cup dates

PRAGUE (AFP) - UEFA president Michel Platini on Friday called for a debate on whether the 2022 World Cup in Qatar could take place in January, to spare players from soaring summer temperatures in the country.

"There are questions that must form part of a global reflection," said Platini, at the

end of a two-day UEFA executive committee meeting here.

The idea of hosting the 2022 World Cup in January was recently mooted by former Germany captain and coach Franz Beckenbauer, who is a member of world governing body FIFA's executive committee.

"I agree, and why not?" said Platini on Friday, adding that it would be "easier" for players from around the world to play matches in the Gulf country in January rather than in June.

"But in the month of January, there are matches in lots of countries. Should we play football or stop?" the French-

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